



Adventure Homestays Abroad

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Paperclip three (3) passport photos of yourself here. Print your full name on the back of each.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT
 SHORT-TERM HOMESTAY TO THE US APPLICATION**

Each form must be completed by the appropriate person(s) indicated in the directions at the top of the form. All forms should be completed digitally and printed to be sure they can be clearly and accurately read. The application should be composed in English. The full application must be returned to Adventure Homestays Abroad with three color photographs (school or passport size) attached in the upper right-hand corner, a photocopy of your passport, and the \$500 non-refundable deposit. Use the checklist at the end of the application to make sure you've completed the entire application. No student's application will be considered complete unless all forms are turned in with three passport photographs, a photocopy of the passport, and the \$500 non-refundable deposit.

To be completed by:
STUDENT

US Location: _____ **Requested Start Date:** _____ **Length of Stay:** _____

1- STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name (as it appears on passport)		First (as it appears on passport)	Nickname
Permanent Address		City	State
School website address		Zip Code	Home and Cell
Day/Month/Year of Birth	Age at start date of program	Gender	E-mail Address
Citizenship	School Level	School Name, Address and Phone	
Father:	Last Name		First Name
	Address		Cell Phone
			Work Phone
Occupation	Email		
Mother:	Last Name		First Name
	Address		Cell Phone
			Work Phone
Occupation	Email		
Alternate Contact:	Last Name		First Name
	Address		Telephone Number
Siblings (Name and Age)			

Please note any activity restrictions, special diet, or pet/food/drug allergies.

Your ability to speak and understand English: Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Excellent _____

Write a few things about your family, including family interests and activities:

How do you like to spend your free time (include sports, hobbies, work experience, special interests, organization memberships).

Describe your community (urban/rural, size, major cities nearby, special attractions, why you like it, etc.).

Add anything you feel will be helpful in selecting a compatible Homestay family. Include whether or not you enjoy young children.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

2 - STUDENT LETTER

DIRECTIONS: Write a letter which will introduce you to your new Host Family. This letter must be in English, and completed digitally or hand printed on a separate page. Your letter must be written by you, the student, without assistance. Your Host Family will want to know many things about you: why you want to travel, what you will enjoy doing with them, and the new friends you will make, for instance. Tell them what you are like with your family and friends in your town and neighborhood; what you like to do, what interests you, what you think about the future. Make your letter as friendly and personal as possible.

3 - FAMILY ALBUM

DIRECTIONS: Include photos or send digit photos as attachments to aha@adventurehomestays.org, showing you and your family in the place you live or places you frequently go, doing things you usually do or like to do. This will help your Host Family get to know about you and your family & friends. Please describe your photos.

4 - PARENTAL STATEMENT

DIRECTIONS: This form is to be completed digitally and printed or printed and completed by hand by the parent(s) of the student applicant. After answering the questions, please complete in English an Introduction Letter to the Host Parents, who will share their home with your daughter or son. Describe your child's personality and interests, expectations and relationships. We ask that you be honest in your letter and that you comment on your child's strengths and character. You will be helpful to your child's future Host Family if you write about your child's . . .

- relationships with members of your family and friends
- dependence upon the family for advice and entertainment
- study and personal habits
- past experience of and reactions to being away from home for long periods of time
- career and academic hopes
- two or three reasons why you are proud of your daughter or son
- strengths and weaknesses and how a Homestay might help them improve

Is your daughter/son permitted to go out in the evening on school nights? _____

If yes, what time does she/he have to return home? _____

What time does she/he have to be home on weekends and school holidays? _____

Does she/he normally drink alcoholic beverages with your family? _____

Does she/he like pets? _____ Do you have pets at home? _____

Does she/he have any allergies to pets? _____ If so, which ones? _____

Does she/he have any food allergies or special dietary requirements? _____

PHOTOGRAPHY: Photographs and emails are an integral part of the Homestay experience that brings the students' memories to life for their friends and family back home. The photos and emails are also a testimonial of the student's lives abroad and are powerful representatives of the Homestay experience. On our website, AHA often posts photos and testimonial emails given to us by students, who are excited to share their memories. We would like to continue this tradition so that others may glimpse the experiences of our participants. In order for us to post donated photos, please sign below, granting AHA permission to display photos given to us by the student.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may use the form below or attach your immunization record.

IMMUNIZATION RECORD (please record all dates with MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

Student Name (please print): _____ Date of Birth: _____

DTP _____

POLIO _____

FLU _____

CHICKEN POX _____

MMR _____

OR _____

MEASLES _____ Date of Disease: _____

(Must be verified
with a blood test -
attach documentation)

MUMPS _____ Date of Disease: _____

RUBELLA _____ Date of Disease: _____

TB TEST _____ RESULTS _____ Chest x-ray date _____ Results _____

If there is a positive test result, a chest x-ray is required. (please attach report)

I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive DTP, Polio, MMR or FLU immunizations, a TB test, or a chest x-ray in the Homestay country, if deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician Name: _____

Address: _____

Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send the completed forms to:

**Adventure Homestays Abroad
1610 Lenox Avenue Suite 403
Miami, FL 33139
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FAX: 786. 216. 7315**

8 –CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

The Price of the Adventure Homestays Abroad program usually covers Host Family accommodations and either full or half board, excursions as relevant, school, language classes, and/or internship as chosen by applicant, transfers, health and accident insurance, and student preparation materials. Please carefully read the details of each AHA program. Each one is tailored to individual student's needs and wants.

The Price does not cover food and lodging prior to departure, baggage insurance, fees for passports or visas, tips, laundry, telephone calls, postage, gifts, beverages and snacks not a customary part of the meals, and any other personal expenses.

AGREEMENT & RULES: Please read carefully and sign below.

1. **LAWS:** While participating in an AHA Program, student must abide by the local, state, and federal laws of the Host Community abroad. Student must also act within the laws of the United States and the rules of her/ his school. Breaking any law will be cause for immediate dismissal from the program and student will be subject to local law enforcement.
2. **DRINKING:** In Europe and other countries, those under 21 years of age may consume alcoholic beverages, but the law in all 50 US states is 21 or older. AHA visiting foreign students should only drink with their Host Parents with their permission.
3. **DRUGS:** The use of all non-prescription drugs is strictly prohibited. Student may use only drugs prescribed by a doctor. (Over-the-counter items like aspirin are permitted.) Involvement with illegal drugs during the AHA Program will cause immediate dismissal from the program.
4. **HOST FAMILY RULES:** Student must obey Host Family rules including curfews, household chores for which you're responsible, and concerning smoking, and drinking. Student may not have guests in the Host Family's home without the Host Family's permission, and the guest is expected to follow all family rules. Most Host Families expect their children to inform parents of their plans and time of return home – and expect to be notified if these change.
5. **TRAVEL:** Student may not travel extended lengths of time without Host Family, Teacher/ Coordinator, or their own parents' permission.
6. **DRIVING:** While participating in the AHA Program, student will not be allowed to drive under any circumstances. This includes motorcycles and farm equipment. Seat belts must be worn whenever riding in a motor vehicle.
7. **TELEPHONE, TEXT MESSAGING & EMAIL:** Telephone calls, text messaging and e-mails to parents, siblings, and friends back home should be limited. You have traveled abroad to focus on a new culture, language and your Host Family. It can be rude and defeat the purpose of your AHA Adventure if you spend too much time on your cell phone or on the internet. All phone call and internet expenses will be paid by the participant.
8. **VISITORS:** Parents and home country friends must receive approval from AHA, Host Family, and their own parents prior to any visit.
9. **RETURN HOME:** Student must return to their home country at the established AHA departure time. Students must remain in the US for the entirety of their Homestay, including major holidays. All changes to departure/arrival dates must be arranged through AHA with parental permission.

We understand that Adventure Homestays Abroad reserves the right to terminate a student's participation in the program at any time, if in the judgment of AHA a condition arises that is likely to be detrimental to the health or safety of the student or other students – or if the student violates an AHA rule or policy. Adventure Homestays Abroad cannot be held liable, financially or otherwise, for a participant's withdrawal or dismissal as a result of a pre-existing physical or emotional condition of which we were not made aware. No refunds will be made in such cases – travel expense arising from premature return home from abroad, either alone or accompanied, must be borne by the student.

We understand that Adventure Homestays Abroad (AHA) reserves the right to dismiss or send home any participant whose health, in the opinion of the attending physician, requires this action, or whose conduct, including the use of drugs, unacceptable sexual behavior, drinking, or refusal to comply with Host Family rules, is unacceptable. In the event of dismissal, Adventure Homestays Abroad will be the sole determiner of refund to be made, if any. Refunds will not exceed recoverable costs, and any excess cost will be borne by the student. We agree to reimburse the Host Family, school, AHA or others for any damage caused by or costs incurred by the student.

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We understand and accept the risks of travel and living in a foreign country. We understand that while Adventure Homestays Abroad endeavors to make suitable arrangements for travel and for the Homestay, anything may happen. We are participating because we believe our child is mature enough to cope with everyday situations and whatever unusual situations may arise. As a condition to and as consideration for our child's acceptance in the program, and on behalf of ourselves, children, and relatives, we release Adventure Homestays Abroad, its officers and directors, employees, coordinators, travel agents, and all chaperones, tour guides, schools, international organizations and host families from any liability, claims, or demands that may be asserted in connection with any emergency, accident, illness, or injury involving our daughter/ son's participation in the program or any cause, event or occurrence beyond the control of AHA - including but not limited to those relating to or connected with natural disasters, civil disturbances, acts of terrorism, negligence of parties not subject to AHA- control. We authorize AHA- and its employees and representatives and adult members of our daughter's/ son's host families to act for us in any emergency, accident or illness or injury involving our daughter/ son.

We understand that a student who leaves the program on her/ his own may not expect the assistance of Adventure Homestays Abroad Coordinators. -- and Adventure Homestays Abroad will assume no responsibility for her/ his safety or activities once she/he has separated from the program.

Adventure Homestays Abroad reserve the right to change or substitute, in emergencies or whenever normal circumstances change, any parts of the program when necessary. AHA- also reserves the right to change the cost of the program to meet unexpected changes in transportation, lodging, or exchange rates.

We have read this Agreement and agree with the AHA purposes and accept all terms and conditions of this agreement - and all other rules, regulations and conditions set forth by AHA.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

9 - APPLICATION CHECK LIST

DIRECTRIONS: This application packet includes 10 separate items. Each form is listed below along with the person(s) responsible for its completion. Use this check list to ensure all materials are completed and enclosed. (Remember to keep a copy of the Agreement & Rules.) Please return application materials completed by the Student to:

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FORM	TO BE COMPLETED BY	“X” WHEN COMPLETED
1 – STUDENT INFORMATION (pages 1-2)	STUDENT	
2 – STUDENT LETTER (page 3)	STUDENT	
3 – FAMILY ALBUM (page 4)	STUDENT	
4 – PARENT STATEMENT (page 5)	PARENT(S)	
7 – HEALTH RECORD & PHYSICAL EXAMINATON FORM (pages 9-10)	STUDENT/PARENT/PHYSICIAN	
8 – AHA STUDENT RULES & AGREEMENT & MEDICAL RELEASE AUTHORIZATION (pages 11-12)	STUDENT/PARENTS/PHYSICIAN	
ONE PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT INFORMATION PAGE	STUDENT	
\$500 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (page 12)	STUDENT & PARENTS	

Please send Parts 1-3, a copy of your passport, and three passport size photos with your deposit to begin the process of locating the best possible Host Family and School (if included) for you. Your Parent’s Statement and Health Record/ Physical Exam should follow as soon as possible.

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS



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Payment Schedule

With submission of application: \$500 deposit (non-refundable)
Remainder of total cost:

- Payment amount and dates due will be set after destination country and program is chosen. Payments are usually divided into three equal amounts with the last payment due six weeks before departure.
- Please make all checks payable to Adventure Homestays Abroad
- A \$39 penalty will be charged for any returned checks
- Prices based on current airfares and exchange rates and may be subject to change

Refund policy

There will be no refund after the final payment is made. All airlines, hotel, and other booking cancellation fees are the responsibility of the applicant, although we will help as much as possible.

Please send this deposit slip with your \$500 check to:

Adventure Homestays Abroad,
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_____	() _____	_____	
Name	Phone	Date of Birth	
_____	_____		
Street Address	City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____	_____
Student signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

